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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6041

BILL NUMBER: HB 1141

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 31, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Campaign Finance.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Leonard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that certain candidates for local offices are not required to comply with certain statutes relating to candidate committees or to file certain campaign finance reports if the annual compensation for the office is less than \$7,500. (Under current law, the annual compensation threshold is \$5,000.)

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Certain county election boards would likely process fewer campaign finance documents and other paperwork required of candidate committees under the proposal. The local elected offices that would be most affected are the county council and coroner.

Background Information: Twenty-two counties could have council candidates and 21 counties could have coroner candidates who would no longer have to establish committees or file finance reports under the proposed \$7,500 salary threshold. The Martin County Commissioner office could also be affected. Surveyors in certain counties may be affected depending on the amount of augmentation to their base salaries. A list of the counties with potentially affected council and coroner offices is available upon request.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources: Association of Indiana Counties: *2004 Annual County Fact Book*.

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